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## THE STORY THAT NEVER GROWS OLD

How dear to my heart is the story of old,  
The story that ever is new;  
The message that saints of all ages have told,  
The message so tender and true.

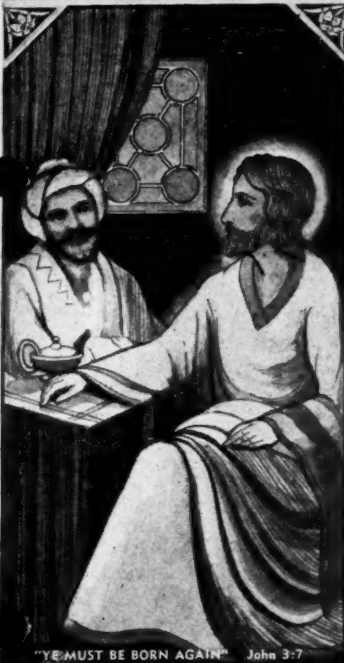
It came to my heart when all fettered by sin,  
I sat in the prison of doubt;  
Like angel of old the glad story came in  
And led triumphantly out.

It comes to my soul when the tempter is nigh  
With snares for my way-weary feet;  
It tells of the Rock that is higher than I  
And leads to the blissful retreat.

When sorrows are mine and on pillows of stone  
My aching head seeks for repose;  
This story brings comfort and peace from the throne  
My desert Brings forth like a rose.

When down in the "valley and shadow of death"  
I enter the gloom of the grave;  
I'll tell the old story with life's latest breath,  
Of Christ and His power to save.

—Cecile Weatherford, Webster, Fla.



"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7



"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16



"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Eph. 2:13



Our next fifth Sunday meeting will be at Odum, Ga. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket and a good offering for missions. Let's make this a great day for the Lord. The Lord has been blessing in these fellowship meetings and if you don't come, you will miss a blessing.—M. B. Norris, Rt. 2, Jesup, Ga.

We are in an old time revival at Mt. Pleasant. God is surely blessing. Some are praying through to old time victory. Our address is Gen. Del., Mount Pleasant, Tenn.—C. E. Richard.

We have started a revival at Empire, Ala. camp, Brother Crowder doing the preaching. The revival is going wonderfully. God is blessing in a mighty way. We invite all neighboring churches to come be with us. Pray that this revival will be the greatest that has ever been at Empire.—R. L. Roberts, Empire, Ala.

We are in a revival at Sunray, Tex. There is good interest. Our district pastor, Brother L. C. Pennington, was with us the last two days. We certainly enjoyed his presence and inspiring messages. Also Brother C. H. Mason, pastor at Borger, came and lent a helping hand. We have organized a Sunday School. Pray for us that we will get a good church set in order soon.—Brother C. C. Howard, Box 104, Phillips, Tex.

There will be a singing convention at the Church of God at Davis, W. Va. beginning Saturday night, Aug. 5, and continuing all day Sunday, with a special program Sunday night. We are expecting several choirs other than the Church of God, which we welcome. Also, we ask all the Church of God people to bring your choir, special singers and instruments and spend Saturday night and Sunday with us. We are expecting to have a loud speaker. Free entertainment. Everybody welcome. — R. L. Rexrode, Davis, W. Va.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Alabama: The Sunday School banner goes to Dora for this month with a gain of 37%. The Y. P. E. banner was won by the Selma church with a gain of 54%.

We thank each church for its co-operation and promptness in reporting. We are expecting some real good Y. P. E. and Sunday School reports at the state convention. We are asking each district superintendent to please have a report of

the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of the district at the state convention.—T. G. Pearson, state superintendent, 204 Alma Ave., Pratt City, Ala.

Sunday, July 30, a revival will begin at the North Cleveland (Tenn.) Church of God, under the auspices of the Young People's Endeavor of that church. Brother Elmo Jennings of Albemarle, N. C. will do the preaching. Everybody, old and young, are cordially invited.

We are in a revival at Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. (country) with Brother Cordell Carr in charge. The interest seems to be better than it has been for several years and we truly ask an interest in your prayers that God will give us a great revival, that the lost will come home while they have a chance.—R. W. Apple, clerk, Rt. 1, Granville, Tenn.

We are in a revival at Levy, W. Va. This is a new field for the Church of God, so please pray that it will be a success.—Evangelist Anna E. Landes.

A revival is now in progress at the Church of God at Pelham, Ala., Sister Ressie Bristow, leader, doing the preaching. God is blessing. Please pray that He will keep bringing in souls from the field of sin.—T. W. Stone, Pelham, Ala.

Some few days ago I was taken from my pulpit and locked up in jail for my faith. It occurred during a revival here in Harrisburg, Ill. The Lord was blessing, souls getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and on this night the altar was filled with seekers. In came two officers and asked me to have those folk to get up from there and stop such carrying on. I said I couldn't afford to put my hand on the work of God, so he said, "You will either have this stopped or go to jail." I said, "All right, I'm ready," so to jail I went.

We have had two trials and I was convicted in the second one then we appealed it to the circuit court which comes off in September. The prosecuting attorney has already made the remark that if they won in this case they had some more they wanted to get. So brethren, I'm asking you folk to pray about this that it will work out to the glory of God. Brethren, could I have afforded to get those seekers out of the altar after having so hard a time getting them there? Could I have told my congregation that they had to keep from shouting that the law might get them? Could I have obeyed man rather than God? And do we have the right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience? What are we facing? Will you pray about this matter? If you would like to know more about this trouble you might write me

at 820 W. Poplar St., Harrisburg, Ill.—Brother Melvin O. Smith.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God in Herod, Ill., known as the Honey Comb church. We would like for all the ministers who have ever pastored this church to come back home and pay us a visit. The service begins at 10:00 a. m. the first Sunday in August and lasts all day. Come on, you neighboring churches, and bring a well-filled basket.—Melvin O. Smith, pastor, Harrisburg, Ill.

Brother and Sister Fred Litton of Hawaii are here in a very successful revival. We certainly do appreciate their help. Everyone pray for us.—A. Shumaker, 3162 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

The Church of God at Jal, N. Mex., will have a home coming day the fifth Sunday in July. All neighboring churches, ministers and friends are invited to attend. Any member who cannot attend please send an offering to apply on the new parsonage. We are expecting visiting ministers from different places.—Faithfully, T. M. McClendon, pastor.

The Hazelhurst, Ga. district homecoming will convene the fifth Sunday, July 30, at Vaughn's Chapel. We are looking for a great time in the Lord, so come early and bring a well-filled basket and let's serve God together that day. Brother J. W. Culpepper, our esteemed district overseer, will be in charge.—Earl Powell, pastor, Rt. 1, Milan, Ga.

We are in a good revival at Shady Grove church near Magee, Miss. with Brother Lambert of Laurel doing the preaching. We plan to have an all-day service the fifth Sunday with dinner on the ground. We extend to one and all a cordial invitation to attend, especially the members of this church. Please pray that many souls will find the Lord in this meeting.—D. L. Barrett, pastor, Magee, Miss.

To the many friends of Brother and Sister J. L. Goins whose solicitous inquiries have come in by letter, telephone and wire, we take this means to inform you as to their present condition.

Brother Goins underwent a serious operation for appendicitis on July 12 and was released from the hospital yesterday, July 20. Sister Goins has enlargement of the liver and blockage of the heart. At the time of this writing their condition is fair. At present both are confined to their beds at home here in Jefferson and they desire your prayers for a speedy recovery.—Arnold H. Folden, pastor, 105 W. Monroe, Jefferson, Iowa.

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# Preach The Word

BY MISS KATIE GODFREY

*"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine," 2 Tim. 4:2.*

Blessed is the minister who has a real testimony from God and can stand behind the pulpit and fearlessly declare to others that he never will forget his complete surrender to the whole will of God; and when the Word of God became a living word to him, the Holy Spirit calling him to preach the Word. What a privilege! What a holy responsibility!

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me," Matt. 16:24. In our testimonies we state that God has called us to preach. If this is your faith, (James 2, prove your faith by your works) get at it. Prove that God has called you. If God has called you to preach and you are not on the job, you have put your hands to the plow and are looking back. You may think I am too hard. This is light, my friend, compared with the time when we shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give account of our deeds. Let us hold fast till He comes, and preach the Word—that no man take our crown.

We need more unity among the people of God. Division and strife are dangerous factors in the Church. "Mark them that cause divisions and strife among you. For where envyings and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." We have plenty of preachers, but do we have plenty of those who will preach the true gospel of the kingdom? Let us not be afraid to preach the whole truth, and that with all our might when striking with the two-edged sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. As Church of God folks, let us not faint nor fall out by the way. When we meet the devil, our foe, with his fiery darts, let's stand up and fight for the truth and spare not.

Each and every minute of time some soul is passing into eternity. We are wholly responsible for the time we let slip by in idleness. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin," James 4:17. We should pray against sin and fight it every way we can. It is our worst enemy. Are we letting iniquity work? Are we afraid of it? Are we preaching against it? We are responsible for the things we do or omit to do during our lifetime. There are numbers of people who have lived to old age and their lives are practically a blank. Some say they do not have time to go to church or Sunday School or any time to pray, but alas! they must take time to

die and appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

The devil is alert and very cunning. There are some people who want to visit on Sunday, read newspapers, have their pictures made, buy things to eat and make ice cream, etc. They seem to have no zeal for the true worship of God or feel any responsibility for how they pass their time away. "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil," Eph. 5:14-16. Do you know we have people who pay more each year for chewing gum and candy than they do to foreign missions? There are some folks who pay more for one dress than they give their pastor in one year.

Now to my text, "Preach the word." All right, we come to modest apparel. Ladies need to dress like ladies, and gentlemen need to dress like gentlemen. "The women shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God," Deut. 22:5. Let us "abstain from all appearance of evil," 1 Thess. 5:

22. You say you enjoy the love of God or a clean heart and try to dress in a way which the Word of God forbids and that it does not hurt you. If you would follow all the words of the Scripture it would hurt you. It already hurts you more than you dream of. My friend, the devil has six thousand years' practice on human nature. He knows how to cripple Christians and how to hide from their eyes the very things which are crippling them. Christians, let's wear long sleeves in our dresses and dress like the Bible says dress. What a lovely sight to see women professing godliness modestly arrayed with ears, hands and necks clean from the senseless trappings of vanity. 1 Tim. 2:9, 10; 1 Pet. 3:5. And what an ugly sight to see people professing holiness all tricked out in Satan's trash. Ear rings, excessive finger rings, bracelets, and gold chains add nothing to brains or beauty; they add nothing to comfort or convenience. Anything that is utterly useless can only be harmful.

Church of God folk, what I say I say it with love. Be careful how you dress, where you go, what you do, what you say. If we profess to be Church of God folk, let's act like Church of God folk. In the long run the "right" thing is the "easy" thing to do. The Church of God is the only church that believes in the whole Bible. The world needs the whole gospel. It cannot be a whole gospel when one leaves out the Church of God and the prominent teachings. Therefore, let

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## Israel's Blindness

BY W. HASKELL COMPTON

*Text: Romans 11:25, "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."*

I feel very much impressed to write on this subject, as it has a very broad meaning and which we need to consider very serious today. I fear that the people are not aware of the fact that this blindness in part means a GREAT thing to the Gentiles. I am speaking of the people as a whole.

In the beginning we will admit that there are some Jews who are following Christ even as we are today, but there are many of them that are looking for Him to come the first time yet. They rejected Him the first time He came. They, no doubt, admitted He was a good man, but they did not as a whole believe Him to be the true son of God, the Savior of the world. But because they did not believe

it did not make it so.

Now in this, "Blindness in part of the Jews," the Gentiles have a great privilege, and we should take advantage of it. If there had never been a plan made we would have been wondering why. Now since the Jews as a whole rejected the Christ, Jesus turned to the Gentiles, and after awhile when He sees fit He will turn to the Jews again to bring them in as He has promised.

Acts 15:14. "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles to take out of them a people for his name." Verse 15. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, verse 16, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up." Now we see by this that the Lord is getting a number from among the Gentiles. Yes, He said, "To take out of them, (Gentiles), a people for His name,

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## EDITORIALS

### The Birth of the Man-Child (Rap- tured Saints)

*"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered,"* Rev. 12:1, 2.

A voice in the fourth chapter of Revelation, the latter part of the first verse, said, "Come up hither and I will show thee things which must be hereafter." Everything from the fourth chapter to the end of Revelation is to take place after the rapture, except where narratives are referred to as signs. Chapter twelve is referred to as a wonder, but the Greek word is "Semeion" which means, in this instance a sign. Narratives referred to as a sign do not refer to the future alone. They should be taken symbolical and may refer to the past. John describes the woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. Just what this woman represents we will let the Scriptures answer.

In Songs of Solomon, sixth chapter, there is a song concerning "she who looketh forth as fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners." This of course refers to the feminine "she" and doubtless is the Church. We have another reference that is found in Isaiah 66:8. "Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." Verse 8 of Isaiah 66 says that when Zion travailed she brought forth her children. We are sure this refers to the Church. It also refers to the bringing forth of a man-child. The woman connected with this incident in Isaiah is referred to as Zion. The word "Zion" is taken from the Hebrew word

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"tsijon" which means rising, also summit or high peak. This lofty mountain is a type of the Jewish nation, also spiritual Israel. Webster says that Zion represents theocracy or Church of God.

"But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect," Heb. 12:22, 23.

We are sure that this refers to God's dealing and blessings to the Jewish nation, but it will help us to better understand John and what will happen to the raptured saints at the time appointed. The writer of Hebrews is trying to show that we have come to a greater mountain than Horeb, called Mt. Zion, The fourth and fifth chapters of Revelation describe the taking place of the rapture. In giving this narrative to John, no doubt Jesus did not want to break the trend of the thought, and now He is taking up in chapter twelve a narrative telling something else which is very important. Some claim that this chapter refers to the birth of Jesus and the woman is Mary His mother, but we are sure that this can not be true. While Jesus was a man-child yet we find that there is another man-child spoken of in verse five.

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days," Rev. 12:5, 6.

There are some special features which we notice of the man-child. He is to rule the nations with a rod of iron. Jesus said to John, "To him will I give power over the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron," Rev. 2:26, 27. "Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom," Dan. 7:22. The overcom-

ing saints are to have power over the nations and rule them with a rod of iron, that is, those who hold fast to their experience and are ready to go when Jesus comes.

There are other marks of identification which we feel will settle beyond any question of doubt who the mother and the man-child are. Isaiah refers to the offsprings of this mother as children and it wouldn't be out of order to say Zion's children will be caught up when Jesus comes back. According to 1 Thess. 1:17, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air." The Lord has promised the Philadelphia saints in Rev. 3:8, 10, "I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Because thou has kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

Another mark of identification is that they were brethren, not just one child but many children, all taken together as one child. We have no record of any other child being caught up before the tribulation except this man-child and we are sure that the man-child represents the overcoming saints. Those who have made themselves ready will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. In chapter four they are described as having their harps and crowns, and singing songs. In chapter five verse nine, it says they are from every nation, people, kindred, and tongue. Jesus gave warning in Luke 21:34-38 telling us that we should take heed to ourselves and not allow our hearts to be overcharged with surfeiting and the cares of this life so that that day come upon us unawares. He also exhorted us to watch and pray always that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and stand before the Son of man.

### State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

Kentucky Camp Meeting—July 24-30.  
Tennessee—July 27-30  
Kentucky—July 28-30  
Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6  
Texas State Convention—August 4-6  
Alabama Camp Meeting—Aug. 2-13  
Alabama State Convention—Aug 11-13  
Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-13  
Maryland-D. C.-Delaware - East Virginia state convention—August 11-13  
Mississippi—August 10-13  
Iowa Camp Meeting—Aug. 25-Sept. 3  
Louisiana—August 24-27  
Maine—September 1-4

## The PERRY-SCOPE

*Treasures—New and old From Far and Near*

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### Spots

"These are spots in your love-feasts," Jude 12, R. V. Spots vary much in size, but large or small, they mar character and preclude full usefulness. All of them are signs of impurity and unholiness. Most of the noted saints, as God looked them over, had spots. Reader, does He see any on you? How many useful lives are spoiled by "only a spot?"

Abraham's spot was deception. It brought a plague on Pharaoh and his house and lost him all his Christian influence on Abimelech. Gen. 12:20. No one can sin without affecting others. Is your whole life without deception?

Moses' spot was a hasty temper. Num. 20:10, 12. Does your temper ever get away from you? Do those who know you best have the greatest confidence in your piety?

Miriam's spot made her a leper, evil speaking and criticism of the private affairs of one of God's children. Num. 12. Is your tongue saved? If Jesus should say, "Let me look at your tongue," would it be clean? Is it kept by the power of God? The Lord hears everything you say. Evil speaking grieves the indwelling Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:29; 5:6) and marks you as unholly.

Achan's spot was covetousness. It cost the lives of thirty-six soldiers beside his own, and the life of his family. Josh. 7. Covetousness is idolatry. Shall we have such spots in our lives? John 2:15-17.

Balaam had a spot, a very bad one. He tried to make a little money on the side but he failed completely and lost his life among God's enemies. There is danger that preachers may suffer the same fate today. Let us beware, watch, and pray.

Jonah's spot was disobedience. He was not willing to do what God asked, so he sought to run away from God but got into awful trouble. Do not try to hide from God. Be sure your sin will find you out. Obey God and leave with Him the results of your obedience.

Ten of the spies had big spots of unbelief and how contagious it was! Soon the whole camp of Israel was inoculated. And view the sad results: Forty years of wandering in the wilderness when they might have been enjoying the milk and honey, grapes and pomegranates of Canaan. If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Be not faithless but believing.

David had a great big spot, though he was a man after God's own heart. 2 Sam. 12:9. Are your secret thoughts as clean

as you wish others to think your life to be? Matt. 5:28. Do you harbor ill-will against anyone? 1 John 3:15.

The elder brother had a spot. Luke 15. Is there any jealousy lurking in your heart? Do you stand up for your rights? Are you on your dignity? Some are so straight they lean backward and frown at the return of the prodigal. Are you free from that spot?

Martha had a spot. She was careful and troubled about many things. Do you worry or complain? Your spot is the same as her spot. Read Phil. 4:6, 7.

Ananias and Sapphira had a spot. They pretended to do more than they did. It cost their lives. It will cost yours, too, if you have it.

Perhaps your spot differs from any of these, but if God sees any spot in you He will show it to you if you are honest. By confessing it to Him you can get it taken out in the blood of Jesus. 1 John 1:17.—*Selected.*

### Gypsy Smith's First Convert

The day after I came to know Jesus, as a lad in my father's gypsy wagon, the world was a new world to me. I could not help singing. In those days I could really sing! I never got wrecked even on the high C's.

I went out to my work as usual. I was in the lumber business—selling clothespins at two pence a dozen. The first house I came to the lady bought some, and I asked her if she would like to hear me sing. My heart was full. I wanted to tell her about Jesus. I was afraid and unable to speak, but I knew many hymns. She said, Yes. So I sang:

*"Who'll be the next to follow Jesus?  
Who'll be the next the cross to bear?  
Someone is ready, someone is waiting;  
Who'll be the next the crown to wear?"*  
Then I saw her in tears and I was so afraid that as soon as I had finished the hymn I took to my heels and ran as fast as I could!

Twenty-five years later I was holding a parlor meeting in a certain city. Among the ladies present was one who came to shake hands with me after the meeting. "Well, Mrs. Chivers," I said, "I am glad to see you. You used to buy clothespins from me when I was a little gypsy boy. Do you remember one day when I sang for you and ran away?"

"Yes," she said, "and let me tell you about it. My daughter, a girl in her teens, was in the room, and as you sang she came and stood beside me. When you had gone she said, 'Mother, if a poor little

gypsy boy is able to love and confess Jesus, I think I ought to love Him too.' So we kneeled down together and my daughter gave her heart to Jesus. She is here with me today and now has children of her own, and all these years she has been a true follower of Jesus."

Sing the Gospel if you have a voice!—*Selected.*

### Prayer Proverbs

Anyone too busy to pray isn't doing anything.

Our doubts, fears, and most of our anxieties are incubated in our empty seats at the prayer meeting.

Prayer at home means power abroad.

Prayer eliminates the corn-borers from our souls and allows the ears to develop.

Our prayer life determines our present joy and usefulness and our future reward.

The besetting sin of the church is prayerlessness.

Prayerlessness is the quagmire that breeds all the ecclesiastical pollywogs in the church.

Prayer is the microscope of self-judgment and the telescope to see every evangelical opportunity.

Prayer whispers up through the speaking tube to the Captain of our salvation and hears His orders through the megaphone of His Word.—W. T. McLean.

### Ruts

The world is full o' ruts, my boy,

Some shallow and some deep,

An' every rut is full of folks as

High as they can heap.

Each one that's growling in the ditch

Is growlin' at his fate,

An' wishin' he had got his chance

Before it was too late.

They lay it all on someone else, or

Say 'twas just their luck—

They never once consider that 'twas

Caused by lack of pluck.

But here's the word of one that's lived

Clear through, from soup to nuts;

The Lord don't send no derricks round

To hoist folks out o' ruts.—*Copied.*

STARKVILLE, Miss.—I am glad for Jesus and the many blessings that I receive. I'm glad I gave my heart and life to Him while I am yet young. The Lord needs young people who will work for Him. I have had the blessing a little over three years; I'm not the least bit tired of the way but have been encouraged to do more for the Lord. I praise the Lord for the revival that came to a close with Brother C. G. Edwards in charge. There were eight saved, two sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen baptized in water and nine added to the church. We give our Savior all the praise. Pray for me that I will stay humble and do the Lord's will.—Kathlyn Shepherd.



## News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

### NEWS FROM CHINA

June 15, 1939

Brethren, greetings. The Lord is with us. We do thank and praise Him and march on to victory. I trust that you by now have received our last report of the Wang Tsun water baptism. It was glory to my soul to be able to baptize eighty and give all to the Master, but a still greater joy I want to impart to you. Our new church at Tung Tha Kai was dedicated on June 11 and now we look to our heavenly Father to use it as a soul-saving station. Let me give you dearly beloved coworkers the program of that day.

We set 5:30 a. m. as the hour of prayer in all of our churches. (A bite to eat.) 6:15 ready for the march. Along the road we preached at seven villages. I carried a big pulpit Bible and lead the march with the open Bible for twenty-four li or three hours good walking.

At 11:30 we met the saints at Yeh Tau, Uh-jah Diang and seven other villages at Ping Loh Diang. Oh, what joy, I did not know the Chinese brethren had a wooden motto 7x3 feet, a carving with gold letters reading, Church of God, built 1939. The large letters are "King of kings, watch o'er us." This was carried by six saints. Tears flowed freely as I prayed. To all it was a blessed joy to have a part in it. Again I led the march. The last three li we sang all the way. Hundreds of people, old and young, followed. I tried to take a photo but many of the heathen fear the camera and say that with this box we arrest their spirit, so not doing a thing that will be a stumbling block, we only took one of the mottoes which I hope to send later.

At 12:30 p. m. with song we marched into the new church, declaring it open. I turned it over to God, asking His blessings to rest on it and the Holy Spirit to have free sway. This ended in concert prayer. That again was succeeded by the reading of God's Word. Again prayer followed then the dedication. Afterward a choir of children sang the 23rd Psalm followed, then the dedication. Afterward hot water before the march to the river, prayer and praise water. Thirty-three were baptized. On returning to the church we gave one more solemn charge to all before they were taken into The Church of God, warning all, but not one stepped back. Each in turn gave the promise to be true to God and the teaching of His Church. After extending the right hand of fellowship to those thirty-

three new members we served holy communion to two hundred forty. There was a time of much crying, tears of joy and sorrow did mingle, and after the closing prayer many stayed to wait on the Lord but it was after 5:00 p. m. and the return journey was before us. We ate some dry bread and drank millet water. There was a pleading to stay but we had to go on as there were many of the sisters with their little bound feet and for those it is hard to walk, yet not one complained. All felt the blessing, the power of the Lord.

Oh, how we wish that you could be with us. I will send a full account of the cost of the new church. It drained us of all our cash, but what of it, it is all for the Master and He is with us and His Church, and by His help we shall build up and take good care of the little flocks that He has given us and ask that you beloved brethren stay by us in prayer.—Your humble servant in China, Paul C. Pitt.

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GRAND TURK, B. W. I.—It gives me joy this morning to say that I am back in Grand Turk again where the great fight is about right and wrong. I want your help in prayer. I need help that I might be able to keep a building during this rainy time. Even if I have to go hungry I would like to have somewhere I could give the Word out. It seems that God would not be pleased with me to leave this place altogether, for there are some who want to be with us in the dear old Church of God which is the pillar and ground of the truth. The Lord sent me forth in this field in 1928. There is one brother who is willing to help but cannot as he has a family to support and expenses are high. I want to keep a work here until there is some way made to help us keep a building, either one to rent or one of our own. If there isn't I will have to leave this place.—Mrs. Sarah E. Tucker.

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NASSAU, Bah.—We are glad to let you know we are still pressing the battle on.

On Wednesday, June 14, we took the boat from Nassau and after thirteen hours of sailing we reached Cat Island, where we met the dear saints all in readiness for a great feast. The new church building was all painted and the seats all varnished, ready for dedication.

We went right into our district convention on Thursday night and had a blessed time of rejoicing until Sunday night, 18th.

One precious sister rode fifty-six miles on horseback. She reached there in time for services on Sunday morning. She said that one service alone paid her for her long tedious journey.

On Sunday night the crowd was very large and the people seemed anxious to hear the Word of God. We have tried to devise ways and means to keep an evangelist on the field continually in this district. We are looking forward to more progress for Cat Island. Always think of the Bahamas in your prayers for there are thousands of souls here who need the Lord.—Yours for the great Church of God, William R. Franks, overseer.

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ARTHUR'S TOWN, CAT ISLAND, Bah.—The Lord has blessed us with a wonderful district convention. Our services began Friday morning at nine-thirty and ended on Sunday night at a late hour.

Our state overseer, Brother Wm. R. Franks, was with us throughout the whole session and did quite a bit of teaching. His messages were very helpful. Our district overseer, Bishop George Moss, was at his post.

It surely was a blessed time. Many said it was the best convention held in this district. A few souls were at the altar during the night services and some of them were blessed.

Sunday at midday we dedicated our new building, and oh, what a time of rejoicing as with uplifted hands we gave the building to the Lord.

On the last night of the feast the church house was filled and scores were on the outside about the windows and doors. Our state overseer was at his best in giving the farewell message. It brought tears from the eyes of many. We are looking for a great work to be done in this town if the Lord tarries.

People came from the east and the west during our convention. It brings to my mind the great convention which will take place over on the great beyond when this life is over. Everyone who attended the convention had his soul full of joy. Praise the Lord.

I also ask the dear saints to pray for my unsaved children that the Lord may awake them out of their sins.—Yours truly, Enos Williams, secretary.

### A Large Family

A Christian man, who had accumulated much property in a successful business, was asked by the minister if he had not accumulated enough for his family, so that he might retire from business. "Oh," he replied, "I have not made enough to give each of my children a single leaf of the catechism." "Why, how large is your family?" asked the minister. "About six hundred millions," was the reply. Let us count the millions of heathen a part of our charge.

## BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

*"Study to show thyself approved unto God;" 2 Tim. 2:15.*

## The Lord Knoweth the Way of the Righteous

Psalms 1:6

Today my heart is made to rejoice when I think of God's blessings; the glory He has when His children will endure anything to bear His name. When the enemy seems to triumph, remember God said, "I am the Lord, there is none like me." Then David, during his terrible trials, says in Ps. 3:5, "I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me." How wonderful when in the hardest battle God sustains us. He makes us rest like a baby and when awakened we remember in Ps. 5:11 he said, "But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice."

Just now I remember an incident that happened to me when I left a certain movement with which I was licensed, and just before I came into the Church of God. This is told only to show you how God does sustain His own and make them rejoice. One night I awoke and told my husband I dreamed I was in Oklahoma and saw a real small Indian woman and I knew God wanted me to preach for them, so we got up and started, not knowing what town or even what county to go to. We went to Chickash, from there to Davis, then we prayed, "Lord, let our money and gasoline run out in the town you want us," so we were stranded in Ft. Towson. In looking for holiness people we were told by a Baptist preacher there were not any there. Then we sold some flour and got gasoline to go to Idabell (out of God's will but we went). Did we have trouble in that two weeks? Yes, yes. We escaped only with our lives and "by the skin of our teeth," but met a Church of God preacher and he hired us to take him to Paris, Tex.

During this time the Lord showed this Indian woman in a dream and she told the pastor of the Church of God so clearly he recognized us on the streets and there we got the approval of God on our lives. Oh, how He did sustain us and made us even rejoice. The first night at church when Sister Drienon came in the building I could have hugged her for mere joy. She was as sure a witness of God's will as the tongues is of the Holy Ghost. Not only did I know her but she knew me and the Lord did bless. We closed the revival with nine in the altar. There was more rejoicing in God.

Two weeks before when the scaffold was made and the uncivilized Indians came for us to hang us for preaching against sin, did I fear and tremble? No, sir, I went on to church and God pro-

tected us with darkness of night. While we stood against a fence the men rode by on horses. The Lord gave us a shouting joy in our souls, for He defended us. That is only to prove to you though disaster may come and even claim part of the flock, remember we always have much to rejoice in. The Lord knoweth the ways of the righteous. He ever inter-

cedes for us. It was more rejoicing to know the Holy Ghost light was left in the little Indian woman's home from our faithfulness to God, and this past summer I was there on a visit and she, her husband and an adopted daughter have the Holy Ghost. Remember, be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life.—Mrs. E. L. Mitchell.

## State Convention Work

By J. H. WALKER

Minnesota state convention convened Tuesday and Wednesday, June 27, 28. After three days and three nights on the train without pulling my shoes off, I arrived at Pelican Rapids about 5:00 a. m. Wednesday, slept until about 8:30 a. m., arose, preached four times that day with a sore throat, but God helped me, for which I give Him praise. Brother Ramsey desired the convention even if we could be with them only one day in the middle of the week.

I have never seen a more attentive audience of people, some estimated six hundred more or less present outside and inside. God surely blessed. Fifty-six, I believe, came to the altar seeking God. Truly they were in earnest, and I believe that this special day will be long remembered. There were six persons joined the church, and two ministers set forth. The reports were good, and total membership has increased 109 in the last three years. Minnesota, as you know, is a very small state, but God is blessing and they are gaining favor all along the way.

The mission offering was over \$52.00, I believe. We appreciate all the faithful service rendered by the ministry and laity in Minnesota. May God bless you.

NORTHWEST CAMP MEETING  
AND CONVENTION AT  
MINOT, N. DAK.

Immediately the next day, June 29, I left by train to Minot, arriving about 10:45 p. m., greeted by several at the train, and was made to feel the warm welcome always appreciated from these big hearted westerners.

The camp meeting was in full swing. Brother E. L. Simmons, Brother M. C.

Plotts, Brother Paul Walker, and others preaching the blessed truth of God so straight, true and convincingly until the hundreds filled the altar every opportunity. Numbers prayed through to the precious baptism of the Holy Ghost.

This was by far the greatest camp meeting in attendance the great Northwest has ever had.

At the burning of the old mortgage note, which was paid this time after these many strenuous drought-stricken, grasshopper-destroying years of constant labor, there was a real shout in the camp. Praise God!

They, of course, still have outstanding obligations, yet they can sleep restfully, knowing all possible dread of foreclosure is offset now, thank the Lord. This is indeed a pretty camp site. The recent improvements make it look so much better. The people appreciate their camp and have been so untiringly faithful in their every opportunity to help raise every expense incident to the progress of the work.

The Bible School has been a great factor in training young men and women for the ministry, who in turn are making enthusiastic workers in the Northwest, whose labors are greatly assisting in the development of this great territory.

These precious people are such a great people to give. The cash raised for this camp is near \$700.00.

The mission offering almost doubled the high record for last year by giving over \$581.00 (praise God). The banner was presented to Brother Hughes Morehead, pastor at Minot, for bringing the largest mission offering from the local church.

## Praise Him For His Blessings

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I am a girl fifteen years old. I was saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost in the year 1937. How I do praise the Lord for the blessings that I receive from Him. I praise Him for our dear pastor, Brother Ben Carter, and the other good brothers and sisters around Brindley's Chapel. The night I got the Holy Ghost a friend of mine got the Holy Ghost too. Brother

Haskel Flatt held a revival down at El-lers Ridge and the girl's twin sister got the Holy Ghost, but they have gone back on the Lord. Pray for them that they will turn back to the Lord.

I praise God that I am working on a building that is without spot or blemish. Pray for my sisters and brothers who are out in sin. If anyone feels led, please write me encouraging letters. Pray for me.—Miss Katherine Cooley, Rt. 2.



### Fayette County District Convention

The Fayette county district convention convened at Oak Hill, June 23-25, conducted by Brother H. S. Smith, our district overseer. God was with us from the beginning of our service. Sister Anderson from Summerlee was present. She had a paralytic stroke and the Lord wonderfully healed her. She leaped and praised the Lord. Also Sister King was wonderfully healed. As the mines have been closed for some time our mission offering and offering for the state overseer were very small. Our mission offering was five dollars and the offering for the state overseer was five dollars and thirty cents.

Our district overseer, H. S. Smith, began a revival in the new church at Oak Hill, July 2. Please pray for the success of this revival. — Mrs. Osker Bunch, clerk, Oak Hill, W. Va.

### District Convention

INDEPENDENCE, Kans. — The Church of God at Independence reports a wonderful time at our district convention which convened May 5-7. All reported a wonderful time and were glad to be with us. God wonderfully blessed all through each service.

Brother Hoggatt, our district overseer, had charge of the service Friday evening. Brother D. K. Murphy, pastor at Weir church, preached an inspiring message on "Sanctification" Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening Brother Hoggatt and wife gave us a good talk on foreign missions and read a letter from the mission field in Central America. An offering was taken for missions at this time. Sister Viola Womack delivered a wonderful message. Sister Coslet of Weir gave a report on a visit she had made to the orphanage. This was followed by a freewill offering for the orphanage. The Holy Ghost had His way in all these services. The speaker at the eleven o'clock service was our much loved state overseer, Brother J. T. Campbell. He delivered a most wonderful message on "The Balanced Experience" under a special anointing of the Holy Ghost. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour and was enjoyed by all. The convention closed Sunday afternoon with the Y. P. E. service. Our young people are all real boosters for the Y. P. E. — Mrs. Rosa Bretches, clerk.

### Sunday School and Y. P. E. Conv'n.

The Kanawha River Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention which convened at Cedar Grove July 1-2 was a great success. The presence of the Lord was felt.

Services opened with singing and prayer and downpour of the Holy Ghost. Brother Blackwell, our state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, and our pastor, Brother J. A. Whitlow, were in charge. Brother Whitlow gave the welcome address with a response from others. The Shrewsbury Y. P. E. gave a special program which included a song, "The Old Rugged Cross," and a play, "Kneel at the Cross."

One dear man, who had been a habitual drunkard, received the Holy Ghost, for which we praise the Lord. Bless His dear name!

The Sunday services were in the form of an all-day outing with dinner on the ground, and included the five churches on the district and the Y. P. E.'s. Brother T. F. Blackwell gave an interesting talk on the Y. P. E. and Sunday School. We surely thank the Lord for Brother Blackwell and pray that God will send him back with us another year. — Beulah Lane, president of Y. P. E. at Shrewsbury, W. Va.

### Report of Virginia State Convention

The annual state convention of Virginia convened at Roanoke June 15-18, inclusive, under the supervision of R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, and J. L. Dorman, state overseer. A large tent was used to accommodate the attendance at each session.

We were welcomed by the local pastor, J. G. Houck, and those responding were: Bessie Puckett and Robert Johnson. Following this, W. H. Ward, the state superintendent of the Sunday School and Y. P. E. presented a very impressive dialog, featuring the young people, entitled "Dross and Gold," which afterwards brought many to the altar seeking salvation. Friday was a wonderful day in every session. The speakers and their subjects are as follows: D. H. Delk, "Essentials of Service;" G. L. Berry, "Brotherly Love;" C. R. Simmons, "The Sounding of the Trumpets and the Gathering Together of the People;" H. E. Sells, "Duty of Pastor to the Church;" R. P. Johnson, "The Minister and His Conduct."

In the report of the district overseers a majority showed a decided increase in all departments of the Church. The Holy Ghost was in charge of the night service. As the power of God swept through the congregation an altar call was given which aroused many to seek the Lord. Saturday, a statistical report from the state overseer revealed a very good increase of the work and church in general under his supervision. Speakers and subjects during the day were as follows: C. W. Collins, "True Holiness;" E. E. Vaught, "The Blessing in Practicing Hospitality;" W. T. Morefield, "Using Our Talent for the Lord;" J. G. Houck, "Our

Orphans;" (an offering for the benefit of same was given in the amount of \$15.04 to this worthy cause. R. P. Johnson gave "Special Instructions to the Ministry" and "The Church of God and How We Become a Member." These two messages were of vital interest as well as the speaker, whom we appreciated in our midst. A healing service was also conducted by A. O. Stewart and T. C. Wiggins. Sunday was a glorious day; the speakers and their subjects were: D. H. Delk, "The Sunday School and Its Benefits;" A. J. Cox, "God's Ox and How Fed," and then last was our Assistant General Overseer, speaking on "Our Duty to Mission Fields and Workers." This brought tears from our eyes and money from our pockets to the amount of \$506.00 cash and \$46.00 in pledges. This closed the convention which we consider the best ever to be conducted in the state. Special singing by the B. T. S. ladies trio and quartet, Ward trio, Radford quartet, Briggs family, H. E. Sells and wife, Robert Johnson and wife, as well as our choir and congregational singing, brought joy to our souls and too the preaching backed by the presence and power of God held our attention; feeding, instructing and advancing our mind in the precious truths of the Word. Space will not permit me to report all the good things but we feel sure it will be remembered in the progress of the church in Virginia. — Marvin E. Porter, clerk, Marion, Va.

### Philadelphia, Pa. Dist. Convention

The Philadelphia district convention convened at the Fire Hall in Ephrata, Pa. May 26. Services opened with a song at 7:30. Brother Martin, pastor of the Ephrata church, gave the welcome address. Brothers Jackson and Garner of Reading responded. Our beloved state overseer, Brother T. S. Payne, was with us and gave a short address, after which Brother and Sister Newsom of Saxton rendered a duet. Brother Ramsey then gave the message of the evening on "Prayer," after which service was dismissed.

Gathering together again on the 27th at 10:00 a. m. service began with lively singing, followed by a message by Brother A. Thompson, pastor of the Chester, Pa. church, on "The Live, Smooth Stones" taken from 1 Sam. 17:40, naming the "stones" David used as faith, peace, love, courage and obedience; with the "sling" as prayer. Mrs. M. Newsom then rendered a solo, after which Brother H. Sutton boosted the Evangel, bringing out its helpfulness and necessity. Brother Payne spoke briefly on the commencement of the publication of the Evangel and its growth, for which we thank God. Brother Payne then launched into a business talk on "The Church," referring to the

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## BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

### Illinois Camp Meeting

The Illinois Church of God camp meeting was held at Benton, Ill. June 16-26. In many respects this was the greatest camp meeting Illinois has ever had. God wonderfully blessed in every service and many souls prayed through to real victory.

Due to the illness of Brother J. R. Thomas, our beloved state overseer, Brother P. F. Fritz presided. Brother Thomas was able to camp on the grounds and attended many of the services.

The meeting was well attended by the ministers of this state and a number from other states. They seemed to be at their best and preached old time gospel under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

Services began each morning at six o'clock with prayer meeting. These services were a blessing to everyone who attended. The Y. P. E. had charge of the services each evening from 6:15 to 7:30 with Brother Leonard Newton, state Y. P. E. president, directing. The young people of Illinois are on fire for the Lord, and Brother Newton is doing a fine work among the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools.

We feel we were fortunate in securing the services of Brother H. L. Whittington, overseer of Alabama. Brother Whittington preached each evening and also each Sunday morning. The wonderful, inspiring messages will never be forgotten by those who heard them. Hearts were stirred who had never been touched before. Sinners were convicted and the saints made to rejoice. It seemed everyone was drawn nearer to God. The music was under the direction of Brother Stanley Joplin and much special singing was enjoyed throughout the camp meeting. One feature of the special singing was the Alabama quartet which sang "I Can Tell You the Time." Hearts rejoiced as they thought of going back to Bethel.

Each one left the camp meeting feeling he had been blessed of God and was more determined to win souls for Christ and promote the interest of the Church of God.—Ermal Summers, Christopher, Ill.

### Home-Coming at Crane Eater, Ga.

The second Sunday in June was a wonderful day at Crane Eater, Ga. It being the regular home-coming day for that church, a day which has been observed for years, a large gathering of people was found at the commodious church at about ten o'clock a. m. on that day.

By consent of the orphanage committee the orphanage quartet and the undersigned and his wife were privileged to be there. As usual, the orphanage quartet

did some fine singing which was enjoyed by the large crowd present. Brother Gibson and family of Rockmart, Ga. were present, also singers from neighboring churches; and the singing was splendid. At eleven o'clock Brother T. C. Franklin from North Carolina brought a wonderful message. This was greatly enjoyed by all present. The afternoon was spent in singing and exhorting, and the day ended with a wonderful testimony service and an offering for the orphanage to the amount of \$23.18. This amount is highly appreciated by those in charge.—Clifford Eller.

### Home-Coming at Erwin Hill, Ga.

I praise the Lord for the day and the way He blessed from the beginning to the close. The presence of the Lord was felt in a great way. As the children of God began to gather from the different churches everyone seemed to feel that good heavenly feeling which flows from heart to heart with that divine love that brings us all together as one in Christ. Then came those dear folks from Cleveland with those precious orphan children. God bless their dear hearts!

Brother Latimer brought the eleven o'clock message on "The Return of the Jews." The house was packed with attentive listeners. No one grew tired. Sinners said they could have listened another hour.

The singing was good throughout the day. Brother Green, our district pastor, was in charge of the singing. We regretted very much that our beloved pastor, J. H. Nix, was very sick and couldn't be with us. We had a special prayer for him. We are asking God to completely heal him.

At twelve o'clock dinner was spread on the ground. The evening service was very interesting and heart touching as the orphans rendered their program. Brother Batts of Rome took up an offering which was forty-three dollars. The Rome singers were at their best. The presence of the Lord was so great. The Holy Ghost would take charge and there would be wonderful singing.

The devil prophesied years ago this work would go dead but the Holy Ghost is leading and directing us to higher grounds. The folks at Erwin Hill still have the old time power. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day. We regretted all the good preachers did not have time to bring a message. When we had to say good-bye it was then we were made homesick for heaven where we will never have to say good-bye.

Brother Jess Ervin, a good Methodist,

took the busload of children home with him and treated them to good, nice peaches. Pray for him. He is such a great help to the Church of God at this place.

Brother Latimer stayed over for Sunday night and brought another good, inspiring message that drew us nearer to God and showed us just where we stand. We thank God for men like Brother Latimer who are able to give out the Word in its fullness. Remember Erwin Hill in your prayers as a little band of praying people with a big heart to do something for God.—Mrs. Myrtle Frix.

NEESES, S. C.—Our church has just been set in order lately by our pastor, Brother Henry Brewer. He is a good man. I thank God for putting His approval on our church. It is getting alone fine. Our church and Sunday School began with only a few members. By God's help we will be able to go forward. I am glad I ever found the Church of God. Pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, Willie Henry.

### Revivals

ERWIN, Tenn.—We have closed another revival here with Brother C. E. Garrett, formerly of Middletown, Ohio, doing the preaching. I think it has been one of the best revivals since we have been here. Brother Garrett surely did preach and warned us about being fervent workers for the Lord. I think each of his messages was just what we needed. I believe the best results will follow later. He surely stirred up our pure minds by putting us in remembrance of our duty to God and His Church. I don't think the preacher can preach too hard for us when we are living just where God wants us to. God was with us and blessed our soul. We had good preaching, singing and praying. Four were converted, one baptized in water, and two united with the church. We want everyone to pray for us and the work here, that God will stir this place and many will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Homer Johnson, pastor.

N. WILKESBORO, N. C.—I have just closed a good revival at High Shoals, N. C. with ten saved, nine sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water and fourteen added to the church, for which we praise the Lord.

Our next meeting started July 16 in Wake Forest, N. C. We are expecting a great time in the Lord. We try to co-operate with the pastors in building up the work. Pray for us and these meetings.—J. F. Jenkins, evangelist.

### A Wonderful Healing

PLUM BRANCH, S. C.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. A few weeks ago I had a bad sore on my

leg. I had been trusting God for my body over two years but the enemy told me as I lived so far from church and was only sanctified I couldn't get victory over this. One night as I lay on my bed begging God to heal me I felt His sweet healing power go through my being and, praise His name in four days it was gone. I'm determined to do my Father's will.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. C. Jennings, Rt. 1

### Orphanage Report

Cash receipts for quarter ending June 30, 1939:

Alabama	\$304.69
Arkansas	63.31
Arizona	10.58
Colorado	1.19
California	69.50
Delaware	9.51
Florida	717.99
Georgia	355.98
Idaho	11.53
Iowa	9.13
Illinois	279.31
Indiana	104.17
Kentucky	401.68
Kansas	41.12
Louisiana	104.17
Maine	20.00
Maryland	111.88
Michigan	140.25
Montana	36.79
Massachusetts	9.65
Missouri	184.97
Mississippi	256.84
Minnesota	21.13
Nebraska	6.90
New Mexico	90.31
North Carolina	778.10
North Dakota	50.54
Ohio	441.47
Oklahoma	81.84
Oregon	9.18
Pennsylvania	246.02
South Carolina	716.07
South Dakota	55.57
Tennessee	713.57
Texas	182.63
Virginia	162.35
West Virginia	320.04
Wyoming	1.90
Washington	22.39
District of Columbia	12.78
Miscellaneous	60.00

Total \$7,217.03

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Florida

Church of God, Clearwater—1 quilt.

#### Georgia

Jess Irvin, Irwin Hill—6 bu. peaches.

#### Illinois

2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago—Worn: 9 dresses, 1 suit, 1 blouse, 1 slip, 3 hats, 1 skirt, 1 collar.

Leo R. Coleman, Urbana—1 pr. shorts, 1 box shoe polish. Worn: 1 pocketbook.

#### Maryland

Church of God, Eldorado—1 pr. pan-

ties, 1 spool thread, 1 card buttons, 1 string buttons. Worn: 2 play suits, 1 pr. pants, 4 dresses.

#### Minnesota

Claudia Hamner, Backus—2 dresses, 2 prs. pajamas, 1 hdkf.

#### Nebraska

Church of God, Omaha—5 prs. stockings.

#### North Carolina

Church of God, Henderson—4 prs. pillow cases, 3 prs. anklets, 2 caps, 1 book needles, 3 cards buttons, 18½ yds. print, 33 wash cloths, 2 prs. panties, 1 dress, 1 quilt top, 1 pk. rickrack, 3 yds. elastic.

#### Tennessee

Baxter Bryant and wife, LaFollette—1 quilt.

Church of God, LaFollette—1 quilt.

Red Boiling Springs—1 quilt.

Brindley's Chapel—1 quilt.

Jellico district—10 glasses, 1 dresser scarf.

STARKEY, Va.—I praise God for the Church of God in Starkey. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us and most of all in the Sunday School. We started out about two years ago with about twenty-two on roll. Now we have seventy regular attendance. We thank the Lord for our good officers and teachers. We believe we have some of the best.

We praise the Lord also for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Collins, of Salem, Va. We have a nice 28x40 cinder block building right in the center of Starkey. We welcome all of you.—L. W. Wiseman, Rt. 5, Roanoke, Va.

### Teachers and Workers Needed

MARRERO, La.—I have just returned home to South Louisiana from Shreveport, La. where Brother and Sister W. F. Ainsworth are in a battle against sin. They have a tent there and have preached for ten weeks now. I think eleven have received the Holy Ghost. They have preached pure, unadulterated gospel which is the power of God to save souls. They preached until they were sick and exhausted and had to rest for a short while, but never gave up the fight. It seems only a few of the poorest are accepting this great gospel.

It may not be time to build churches, but God has a few Spirit-filled ministers like Brother Ainsworth who are willing to trust God for results and go "into the highways and hedges" and take the gospel to the ones who never come to church. Yes, they are going into the hospitals and jails and even lift their voices in the street to tell people they need God. Do pray that God will help and supply their needs. They have been tried and found faithful.

We need more ministers like them in South Louisiana. This is truly a great harvest field, it is ripe unto harvest, but no preacher need come and expect an easy,

soft job. They had better be sure they are steadfast "grounded" in the faith. Put your life in God's hands and be ready to even give your life for the gospel and be sure you are "called and sent." This is a great land of darkness, superstition. The people are taught to look on the Bible as a danger; they pray to the saints and live their religion in fear and superstition. We learn here what Jesus meant when He said, "Be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Our preaching must be mostly living a life before them that proves to them God is with us and that He really keeps us from a life of sin.

The little church I work in is French people. They have to be taught like children. Just a few of the older ones can speak clear English and they won't come to Sunday School, I think because they can't read, but they are lovable, loyal people and steadfast when they are truly converted.

Do pray that God will send us helpers here. We need teachers. And pray God will use us in a greater way to reach souls and have wisdom to teach and help the ones who are saved. We need the wisdom of Solomon. May the good Lord visit and strengthen His people everywhere and bless our wonderful little paper and send it to all the world with its gospel messages.—Mrs. Kathryn Thompson.

KINCAID, Ill.—The Church of God at Kincaid, Ill. is coming to the front. Since Brother J. R. Berry has taken over the work God is blessing us in a mighty way. I came to this charge March 22, 1939 and there were three active members. We held a revival, souls found Christ, seven were added to the church and we are now worshipping in a large building which seats two hundred people and our seats and piano are paid for.

We have taken \$148.00 in the church treasury for building fund and have now purchased our lot and begun to build a new church. We covet the prayers of you saints that God will give this much-needed field material for God and His cause.

We, too, are thankful for our good district overseer, Brother Colon Dunn, of E. St. Louis, who visited our church and also made up a collection to buy me (the pastor) a new suit.

We thank God that we are shouting the victory and that the Holy Ghost has His way in each service. Pray that God will keep me as His humble servant.—J. R. Berry.

### Special Notice

CORRECTION: In the July 8 issue of the Evangel under the obituary column we stated that James Truett Bertrong was a member of the Church of God at Hayesville, N. C. This is a mistake; he was not a member of the Church of God, it was his father instead.

## REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil. 4:6.

### PRAY FOR:

Mrs. Austin Jones' baby, who is seriously ill.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Lithia, Fla.

God to bless this town with an old time revival; me.—Miss Sarah Blasingame, 916 S. Jefferson St., Hobart, Okla.

My husband and daughter who are sick; my children to come this way; Mrs. Virgil Corn who is in the insane asylum to be healed; Virgie Corn who has back-slidden.—Mrs. Charlie Corn, Hayesville, N. C.

God to undertake and work things out; me to be an overcomer.—Mrs. Allie Lathan, Rt. 1, Friendship, Tenn.

Sister Dell Bevens who is very ill.—Cora Dodson, Locust Grove, Okla.

Brother Trave Jordan to be healed; his family to be saved.—Dan C. King, Rt. 1, Kennesaw, Ga.

Me to be healed of a bad heart and other troubles; me to receive blessings; my niece who is very sick to be healed.—Flonie Brown, Rt. 1, Selma, N. C.

Revival at Baldwin, Fla.; the saints to be overcomers and stand true; my loved ones to be saved; me to be victorious; a church to be built and set in order there.—Mrs. Agnes West, Rt. 2, Box 13, Lulu, Fla.

The healing of my body of cancer.—Mrs. J. A. Everett, Box 572, Wilmington, N. C.

Me to be healed and my health restored; the healing of my son. Anointed cloths appreciated.—Mrs. J. B. Brasher, Star Rt., Rockport, Tex.

My loved ones to be saved; me to obey the Lord in all things.—Rebecca Hawkins, Omaha, Ark.

Me to get closer to the Lord; God to remove the weights and hindrances; me to get all under the blood and be baptized with the Holy Ghost; my body to be healed.—H. W. Cooper, Whittier, N. C.

Me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—R. S. Hazelwood, Vernon Hill, Va.

My mother who is suffering very badly of cancer. She believes she would be healed if Brother Rouse could come and pray for her. If he sees this and cannot come we want him to anoint a cloth and mail to us at once, something must be done.—Addeen Coleman, Route 2, Kennedy, Ala.

My unsaved husband and stepson who are out in sin, also for the healing of my body.—Mrs. Lillie Taylor, Bush, La.

My daughter who is in the hospital and is very sick; the Lord to heal my

head.—Mrs. Will Reed, Folsom, La.

Unspoken request.—Mrs. Lizzie McLendon, Stillmore, Ga.

My little boys to be healed of stomach trouble.—Mrs. Marvin Jones, Lithia, Fla.

My children to be healed of sores.—Ella Collins, High Shoals, N. C.

God to undertake and provide for me. I am an orphan and have three brothers but they are in America and I cannot hear from them. Pray that God will provide for me and help me in my need; also that He will heal me and speed me on.—Rese A. Wells, Long Island, Deadmans Cay, Bahamas.

My sister who has lost her mind; my sister's two babies who are seriously ill; my two children and me to be healed; lost loved ones to be saved; unspoken request.—Mrs. W. P. Rembert, Copperhill, Tenn.

Wanda Cameron who ran away from home the 11th of July to return home or write me.—Maggie Cameron, Teague, Texas.

My body, also that my husband and I may receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Katherine Allen, 4 Jackson St., Chillicothe, Mo.

My baby son to be healed of stomach trouble; my husband, little girl and me.—Mrs. Clyde Salley, Moorhead, Miss.

Me to be healed of asthma; my wife to be healed; us to draw closer to God and do His will.—Lawrence Berry, Valdeese, N. C.

Me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Ernest Smith, 204 Waverly Way, Marion, S. C.

The healing of Sister Albert Lane who is in a serious condition; if it is not the Lord's will to heal her that she will be willing to go on.—Mrs. P. A. Phillips, Electra, Tex.

My little boy to be healed of a hurting in his right side.—Mrs. Leola Lee, Cropwell, Ala.

My husband to come back to the Lord.—Mrs. S. L. Lowery, Alcoa, Tenn.

### Special Notice

The Pennsylvania state Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention will convene at the state grove, Somerset, Saturday evening, Aug. 26, and will continue throughout the 27th. This will be the first convention of its kind to be held in the state.

God has wonderfully blessed the young people's work and the Sunday Schools of Pennsylvania during this past year, for which we are grateful to Him, and we expect this convention to be one long remembered by all those who attend because of the presence and power of God. We urge everyone who possibly can to be with us on this occasion.—D. N. Lykens, Pennsylvania Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent, Williamsburg, Pa.

## OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

### MITCHELL

Sister G. W. Mitchell, a faithful member of the Church of God at Monroe, Va., died June 28, 1939, age thirty-nine years, three months, and nineteen days.—One who loved her, Mrs. B. M. Woolwine, Box 13, Monroe, Va.

### COUCH

Sister Mollie Couch departed this life July 1, 1939 at the age of sixty-two. She was a faithful member of the Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and interment in cemetery in South Macon, Ga.—Her pastor, Robert Bell.

### HOCKETT

Alice E. Hockett, who was born in Canada, died June 8, age seventy-eight years. She was a member of the Church of God at Baldwin Park, Calif. She was a very dear mother in Israel.—Mrs. Anna B. Main.

### HOLLAND

Sister Lena (Mullen) Holland, beloved wife of Sam Holland, departed this life June 23, 1939, age twenty-nine years. She was a loyal member of the Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, W. L. Sharp, and interment in Paul cemetery.—W. L. Sharp.

### BEAVERS

Catherine Louise Beavers was born August 4, 1938 and died April 2, 1939. The funeral was held at the home and interment at Grasshopper cemetery near Georgetown, Tenn.—Joe R. Little.

### BLACKBURN

Brother L. D. Blackburn was born Jan. 31, 1892 and departed this life June 1, 1939, age forty-seven years. He was a faithful member and clerk of the Church of God at Wheelwright, Ky. He was killed instantly in the mine. Funeral was conducted in the M. E. church at Wheelwright by W. B. Webb, W. S. Dathan, Joe Hopkins, and the writer—T. A. Richard.

### Revival

Sister Bessie Dobson conducted us a week's revival at Piney Grove, June 18-25. She did some good preaching. The Lord blessed. We feel there was good done by the preaching. We love Sister Dobson and welcome her back to Piney Grove. Pray for the church here and for lost souls to be saved. Pray for me to stay in the center of God's will.—Mrs. Dee Francis Smith, clerk, Selmer, Tenn, Rt. 1.



## Conventions

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34th Psalm, which proved a blessing to all. Dinner was served on a freewill offering plan.

Lunch was soon over and at one o'clock we were again gathered in at our places, and had some real good singing, together with the blessings of the Holy Ghost. Brother R. Newsom of Saxton, Pa. gave a good message on "Therefore, Let Us Not Sleep as Others," taken from 1 Thess. 5:6. Next on program was a song by Sister Newsom, "Since the Old Man Died." Sermonettes were given by some of the colored people from the Philadelphia colored church; Brother and Sister Flinchum of the Reamstown church sang a duet; special prayer was offered for the sick. Brother Payne then spoke on "Government"—first to the laity, then to the pastors, ending with a mission offering.

At 6:30 p. m. the young people gathered, beginning with a lively song service; sermonette by Austin Thompson, Jr. of Chester; Brother and Sister Teree of Ephrata rendered a duet; talk by Sister Stafford; solos by C. Shaw, Jr. and M. Newsom; talk by Mrs. Teree; number by mixed quartet; talk by Brother D. Lykens, our state superintendent; trio of young people from Ephrata. After a lively song service—duets and solos—Brother C. Shaw of Williamsburg brought the message on "Courage."

Sunday morning at 10:00 a. m. we gathered for Sunday School. Brother Lykens and Brother Flinchum gave good, short talks on "Sunday School." At 11:00 o'clock Brother Payne gave a

wonderful message on prophecy, taking "The Beast" as his subject, (Dan. 7). At 2:00 p. m. we adjourned for lunch, after which Sister Smith sang a solo; Brother Lykens delivered a message and the Reading trio sang a number. After the report of churches an offering was taken for the orphans.

Sunday evening we had with us the Lutz Band, which was enjoyed by all. Brother H. Stoppe brought the evening message, and with handshakes and good-byes we parted, looking forward to the next gathering.—Mrs. A. Thompson, clerk of Chester church.

## Israel's Blindness

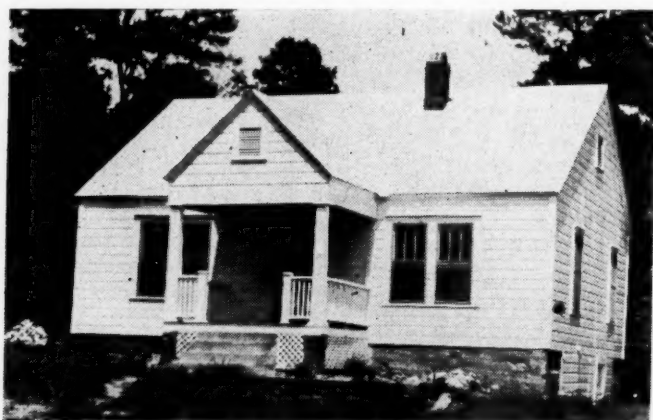
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then the favors of God will return to the Jews.

We Gentiles have the greatest opportunity now to accept Christ as our Savior than any human tongue can tell. The Jews' rejecting Christ brought the favors of God to the Gentiles. The times of the Gentiles will soon be fulfilled.

We see that many people are confused with these scriptures, such as Rom. 11:25 and Luke 21:24. Now in the explanation of the first scripture is Rom. 11:25. This has reference to the blindness in part of the Jews (Israel) until the fullness of the Gentiles BE COME IN. Please read this carefully. It does not say until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled, (end of the Gentiles' rule) but it speaks of the coming in of the Gentiles to receive salvation, proving there was and is no difference between the Jew and the Gentile. Because when Jesus died on

the cross that broke down the middle wall of partition. That gave every individual the same privilege of coming boldly before the throne of grace. Surely this scripture has reference as we have stated, because it says, "until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in," (come into a condition of receiving the great salvation). Not the end of the Gentile rule, because there was a Gentile king ruling the year 606 B. C. His name was Nebuchadnezzar, thus proving again that it did not mean the coming in of the ruling of the Gentiles, as they were ruling 606 B. C. But this matter is speaking of the coming in of the Gentiles so that they can be saved, (years, yes many years after the ruling of King Nebuchadnezzar) and have the chance to go to heaven. Now for explanation of Luke 21:24. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Now for explanation. This surely has reference to the time that Titus destroyed the city of Jerusalem. And we are sure that it has been under Gentile rule ever since. It is true that many, very many, were killed in the destruction of the city of Jerusalem. And it is also true that the Jews were driven into all parts of the nations. They were absolutely led away into all nations, were they not? Sure they were. And it is true that the city has been trodden down ever since by the Gentiles. Now this will continue until the time be fulfilled. Now you may ask, When will it come to an end? We will say it will end when Jesus comes back from glory

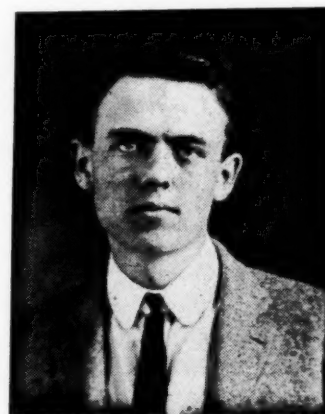


New Parsonage  
and Pastor

at

Mount Olive,  
Tenn.

(Five miles west of  
Cleveland)



The above picture is the beautiful parsonage just completed at Mount Olive, Tenn., C. J. Hindmon, pastor. The house consists of four spacious rooms, screened back porch, and full basement and garage combined. The living room is 14x19½ feet. As you see, this parsonage is just off the road, near a beautiful woodland, which makes a nice, cool,

pleasant place to live.

We thank all of our good friends who helped to make this beautiful building possible, including those who gave labor on same. We are interested in our community very much and realize it is an upbuilding to same, as the old parsonage was run down and in a bad condition. Our building is worth at least \$400.00

more than we have in it. This was made possible by the management. We owe only \$230.00 on it, and have \$50.00 now to pay on it. We expect to have it paid for by the General Assembly. Our church has doubled and tripled in every department this year, for which we thank the Lord. We are coworkers with Him.—C. J. Hindmon, pastor.

after the rapture of the saints, with all the host with him to fight the battle of Armageddon. I will say here that this will bring an end to the rule of the Gentiles. Jesus will set up a kingdom of His own and will rule the world in righteousness for 1,000 years. Then can be brought to pass the saying of Luke 21:24, when Jesus comes from glory to break down the Gentile rule of this world.

I want to say here that this "blindness" in part of the Jews, will only last a very short time, yes, until the Lord gets His number spoken of in Acts 15:14, then the "blindness in part" of Israel will not be known of any more. It will not be said that the Jews are blinded in part after the Lord gets His Gentile number. But they will awake, yes, receive their complete sight. Now what that means in Rom. 11:25, where it says "blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in" is as follows: That "blindness in part" means that, as a whole, Israel is blinded in PART, but that blindness in part makes us to know that there are some Jews who will accept the Lord in the Church age. Yes, it says blindness "in part." The Jews are blinded in part until the Gentiles are given a chance to the tree of life, and this was done by the rejection of Christ. This is the goodness of God that we Gentiles have such a grand and glorious opportunity. We should take advantage of every thing that is promised us. And think what it cost to give us this chance. The Gentiles are coming in now and have been for years, yes, their time is getting short. It won't be long until the Lord will turn from them as He did from the Jews. Then it may be said that we Gentiles can get in and be saved as concerning Rev. 7:9. And then on the other hand we may come in the same manner as it was with Paul in 1 Cor. 15:8. "And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due season." But we know that the Lord is taking out of the Gentiles a people for His name. Yes, the age in which we are living. This is the age between the 69th week of Daniel and the 70th week, known of as the tribulation week (seven years in length; three and one-half years of prosperity and three and one-half of GREAT TRIBULATION). It will be an awful thing to think that the Gentiles have had such a great chance to be saved, and then for them not to accept deliverance from sin. You who refuse this deliverance are the only ones to blame for it. It's for you if you will have it. You are a free moral agent, you have the power of choice; the way of life and death has been set before you, and you have one thing to do and that is accept or refuse. No one can deliver your soul from hell but you. You must deliver your own soul, and you alone are able to do that by submitting

yourself into the hands of God and letting Him perform a spiritual operation. By this you can deliver your soul from hell.

We spoke of Paul being born out of due season, then it seems in Rev. 7:9 that some come to the Lord after the church age, or the rapture of the church. But this blindness in part of the Jews is to bring the Gentiles into the same oneness with the Jews. Yes, to give the Gentiles the equal opportunity with all flesh. But in this number of the Gentiles there will be some Jews who have qualified to go to meet the Lord in the air at the rapture. Yes, the rapture will consist of both Jew and Gentile. Because the blindness is only in part. So that lets us know that some will come to Jesus, and that they have. But Jesus will take out some Gentiles, for it is prophesied, Rom. 11:11, "I (Paul) say then, Have they (Jews) stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy." Say, you Gentiles had better get ready to go as you won't have this great opportunity forever.

We are living in the Church age and it is the main time for the Gentiles to come in. You are taking a great risk outside of the dispensation we are in now. Don't take any chances. Since the plan has been so wonderfully fixed, why not take it as it is? Praise the Lord, I am glad that Jesus will get His bride in the rapture, and that is known as the Church age in which the Gentiles have a chance to accept Christ and His bride will come out of this age. So the Gentiles have the chance to be the bride of Jesus. Come in now so you can miss all the oncoming troubles, such as the great tribulation and Armageddon battle, yes, you can escape all the troubles coming, be safe with Jesus. AMEN.

### Preach the Word

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us stand for repentance, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, water baptism, the full restoration of the gifts to the Church; signs following believers; divine healing provided for all in the atonement; the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet; tithing and giving; premillennial second coming of Jesus; eternal life for the righteous; eternal punishment for the wicked and all the other teachings of the sacred Word should be obeyed.

We believe the Church of God is the standard Church and the Church which is filled and guided by the Holy Ghost. Such a Church Christ desires to have and to continue throughout the gospel age. We all prefer the Bible Church upon earth a holy, spotless Church. We acknowledge the Church of God, the only

Bible Church, as being pure, holy, spotless. Is the Church up to this standard? We profess to be there. It may be that many of its members are up to this standard in all respects. If I know what the Bible Church is and if I have any knowledge as to the condition of the Church of God I am not ready to affirm that the Church is up to this standard throughout its entire membership. So far as I can see there are those in the Church of God who are not spotless, harmless, without rebuke and without wrinkle. There are some who need to get rid of all money-making desires and schemes that are not a product of divine love. Letting men and women control because they have wealth and give a little of it to the Church is a large spot that needs to be cleansed from the hearts of some. May God help us all to live in harmony with the Church standard as set forth in the Bible.

Look at the unfinished work to be done. If our criticizing will cease and we get down to our task and preach the Word when He comes He will find us ready to go. The more we do the more we see to do, and the less fault-finding there is about us. "What kind of Church would the Church be if every member were just like me?" Do we ask ourselves this question? It is true we have made mistakes and the more spiritual we get the more mistakes we can find in (no, not the other person but) ourselves. Sometimes we say, "I know that I am satisfied with Jesus for I am happy, just as happy as can be, but I wonder while I am satisfied with Jesus, whether He is fully satisfied with me." Whether we are successful or not we should be faithful, and the reward will be given us, not for being successful, but for being "faithful." We must seek to be holy and please God in all manner of living. This means honesty in business. It means fair dealing with our fellow men. It calls for truth and righteousness in every walk of life. This kind of living will come as a result of prayer and holy communion with the blessed Master.

Are we going to reprove precious souls, like the Apostle Paul said to do? The Word says to rebuke. What then if we do? Will people hear us? Some will and some will not. Brother, sister, if we want the blessings of God pronounced upon us and our lives, we must be willing to obey God and do what He would have us do. We read in the Bible about some who were disobedient and who had to face the curse that was pronounced upon them. Here, we are reminded of King Saul—the kingdom was taken from him and given to David because of his disobedience. For disobedience, Jonah was swallowed by a whale. I suppose Jonah thought it was hard for him to go to Nineveh and preach what God told him to preach, but after being swallowed by



the whale Jonah was willing to go. This should be a warning especially to those who are young in the ministry, like myself. Would it not be much better for us to preach what God told us to preach at the first than to be disobedient to God and then have to preach it anyway? If we fail to obey God we must suffer for it. Are you suffering today because you have disobeyed God? If you have, you need to ask God to forgive you. Then go and do the thing He has bidden you.

Let me say just here to those of us who are traveling on the "highway of holiness," be true. One false doctrine after another is speeding over the country. Let us not be shaken by these doctrines in the least degree. It will pay us, as God's people, to pray, read our Bibles and stay in very close touch with God. Certain qualifications should be expected of those who handle the truth of the Bible. The minister of the gospel should be deeply spiritual and have a sense of divine responsibility for his work. This indicates a call of God to the work of the ministry. The call of God will hold him or her to a sense of responsibility. God is on the lookout today for men and women of prayer; full of the Holy Ghost. The man, the woman, the real sermon, the preacher, and the pastor are all made in the closet of prayer. The minister should be sincerely studious. Study is one of the secrets that leads to success in winning souls. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." There is in the minds and hearts of God-called ministers a desire to win souls for Jesus. The closer we live to Christ the easier it will be to touch the lives of others. Anyone who goes into the work of the Lord must do it with an earnestness for God, not careless or slothful, but full of holy enthusiasm guided by grace. What can hinder a God-called minister, coupled with love and determination, from winning souls for Jesus? Nothing, for God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is back of you to help you in your work.

If we fail to walk in the light of God's Word what light we have will be turned into darkness. I am glad God ever let me see the light on the dear Church of God. At the age of eleven God saved, sanctified and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost and fire and I worshipped with the Apostolic Faith and Pentecostal people and learned to love them. God changed my own desires and plans in life and led me to join His Church and I am now a firm believer in the Church of God and its teachings. Since some of us have been a member of the Church for only a short while, you may have to have patience with us to endure our preaching and writing, but please remember that we got started late. Please bear with us. Some of us did not have a good start in

life; we were born rather stupid, but if you will only give us time we will come out all right. Some of us have more light than others. Light comes by degrees. God does not hand down the blueprint of His plan for one's entire life the day God saves him. Light comes as we need it. As light comes in, darkness goes out.

Do we feel like rejoicing because our sins are forgiven and that we have been added to the great Church of God? Some may say they feel like it yet they keep quiet. Do not get excited—when the soul has been delivered from bondage it will rejoice. Condemn not a soul because he shouts. For my part, I am glad to see people clap their hands and praise God and speak in tongues, but the majority of churches in this day in which we live would turn folks out if they spoke in tongues and shouted. I know some folks call us the tongue people in a slurring way. I am affiliated with the Church of God with Headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn. I know of no church by the name of tongues people or Holy Rollers. So it is people, through ignorance, influenced by the diabolical forces, who have attached such names to the true children of God. You may call me what you will, but this one thing I know beyond a doubt, I am a Church of God girl, saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, speak in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, clap my hands and shout when I get happy. Have you any controversy with God over the way He edifies His people? If you have I just leave you in His hands. Put your argument to Him, but remember the Bible will meet you at the judgment.

To know Christ is to love Him; to love Him is to praise Him. Some people, of course, object to shouting and praising God. Thank God, the Bible is true regardless of who denies it. The Word says, "The joy of the Lord is our strength." Many of us would be far stronger in the Lord if we would give vent to the joy that this great salvation brings to us. A song in the shadows often makes the sun break through. In the inner cell of a Philippian prison, feet in stocks, backs sore and bleeding, Paul and Silas prayed and sang psalms and light shone out of the darkness. They had found deliverance and strength in their joy. We must not lose sight of the fact that the soul of a Christian is made strong by sincere praise and paves the way to deeper Christian experiences. Some object to souls going through to deeper experiences with shouts of praise to God, but thank God, we have seen many, many souls go through to Christian experiences and they invariably swept through with shouts of praise to God. They who seek in any other frame of mind, seek in vain. The blessings of divine grace are bestowed upon Christians with thankful hearts. Before that mem-

orable day of Pentecost, when they received the baptism with the Holy Ghost, the disciples "were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." Thank God, in the "upper rooms" of the twentieth century sanctified seekers tarry with joy for the coming of the Holy Ghost. They who do not show the proper appreciation for the things which God has already done for them can hardly expect Him to give them the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. Therefore, be thankful as you tarry for the Holy Ghost. We have but to look around us to be reminded of the fact that the happy church, the spiritual Church, the influential Church, is the one which makes the unsaved want old time religion. No wonder we Church of God folks shout. May we praise our God as never before. Jesus is coming soon; let us meet Him with a shout. The Word of the Lord is consoling to His people and it is going forth with great speed.

The great command of Christ is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover," Mark 16: 15-18. Christ did not merely express a wish or offer a suggestion. He gave an order, clear, explicit, pre-emptory. Such is His final, most imperative, most inclusive command, and it is binding upon His followers everywhere and for all time.

Many people try to condemn women preachers for speaking in mixed assemblies. Paul states in the 14th chapter of 1 Corinthians, "Let your women keep silence in the churches." Now any sane person knows that this doesn't mean for women to keep absolute silence in the church and for them to stay out of the choir or not shout and glorify God with a loud voice or talk in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, or preach, pray and testify. But women are not to rule, neither interfere with the business of the Church. We know that the women at Corinth were uneducated and were causing a disturbance in the meetings. Yet some churches hold today that women should not be allowed to speak in the church. The preachers of these same churches who raise objections to women speaking in the church will sit on a foreign mission board and send them to Africa, India, China and other heathen countries in order that they might preach the gospel, when these same preachers have not grace, backbone and grit to go themselves. God said, "In the last days I will pour out my spirit on all flesh,



and your sons and daughters shall prophesy." (Preach or foretell.) If it is right for women to preach the gospel in foreign lands, it is right for them to do so right here at home in so-called Christian America. I praise God for calling me to be a missionary and by His help I expect to be true to the great call He has placed upon my life.

There are some people who will not preach if they cannot be assured of gaining the illusive mammon which the world calls fame. Many people are preaching for money. How many are willing to bear hardships, sufferings, face danger without shrinking and spend their time, effort and ability in preaching the gospel? Thank God, there are a few people who have put God first in their lives. No individual can put money, pleasure and fame before God without going down in defeat and disgrace. There are some folks who try to push folks over, get them agitated and confused in order to report that a large number received the Holy Ghost. There is an experience into which many attain professing the baptism with the Holy Ghost. But their lives do not bear witness to their profession, and only "by their fruits" we may know them. Gal. 5:22.

Wherever we go let us be certain Jesus is with us. If our pathway through life is beset with thorns or trials, pain or disappointments, the Lord will never forsake. Whether therefore we suffer or rejoice, in defeat or in success, in the midst of righteousness or surrounded by evil, whether encouraged by friends or derided by foes, by good report or by evil report, let us preach the Word and remain true to Christ and His Church, so that when our life work is ended we may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

## NOTICES

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### Announcing Grand Opening of The Church of God in East Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sunday morning, August 6, will usher in an interesting all-day service, marking the opening of the East Chattanooga Church of God for religious worship. The building a beautiful, impressive rubble stone structure, set off with a jointed mortar bead, is a monument to the faith, undaunted courage and co-operative efforts of the pastor and entire laity at that place. Cheerfully facing the shock of the property loss by fire, which razed their remodeled church house as it neared completion several months ago, they launched the enterprising task of erecting this commodious building, which will be practically completed at the opening date.

Great crowds are expected and everyone is extended a warm welcome to attend this service, which brings to close

an eighteen months' period of worship outside church doors in East Chattanooga. The energetic pastor, Brother E. E. Winters, and his assistants will spare no pains to make you feel "at home" during the day's course of events, and all members, friends and former pastors are especially urged to be present for the occasion.

Brother E. L. Simmons, state overseer of Tennessee and a speaker of unusual ability, will deliver the special message of the day. At the culmination of the all-day activities a big revival will begin with Dewey B. Yow, pastor of the North Cleveland Church of God, as evangelist. Possessing a congenial personality and rare evangelistic gifts, Brother Yow will contribute his share in making the revival meetings a success.

If you want to see the fruits of hearty co-operation and Christian fellowship, plan now to witness this all-day service at the date mentioned above. Brother Winters and the entire church welcomes you, and IF YOU MISS, you'll MISS something GOOD.

### High Lights of the Great Northwest Camp Meeting

All who attended the camp meeting can truthfully say it was the greatest the Northwest has ever witnessed.

#### ATTENDANCE

The attendance exceeded any of the previous camp meetings. The power and glory of God was present at every service. Many prayed through to different experiences. The long altars were lined with hungry seekers crying out to God for His blessings. From the shouts of joy they were not disappointed.

#### SPEAKERS

The principal speakers were always at their best. They were: Brother E. L. Simmons, state overseer of Tennessee; Brother Charles Plotts of Iowa; Brother M. L. Lowe, Montana's overseer; and Foreign Mission Representative, the writer. The General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, was present through most of the meeting and his presence and messages were greatly enjoyed. The state overseer, Brother D. C. Boatwright, has been working faithfully and the work shows progress under his leadership. He was at his best and managed the camp meeting well. He is greatly loved by the people of the Northwest.

#### CAMP MORTGAGE BURNED

We were thankful to see the old mortgage against the camp property burned. After there had been over six hundred dollars raised for expenses and for the last payment on the mortgage the mortgage was obtained from the bank with a very fine complimentary letter from the president, and on the night of July 3 there was a very colorful service. The ministry gathered on the platform after the writer gave the history of the church in the Northwest. The writer held the

mortgage for the last time and Brother Boatwright set fire to it. We watched it go up in smoke. The glory of God fell in the place and there were shouts of glory and praising the Lord. We shall never forget that wonderful night. The OLD MORTGAGE IS PAID. Praise the Lord. ALL MISSION RECORDS BROKEN

Last year the mission offering amounted to three hundred and twelve dollars. This year it was five hundred and eighty-three dollars. God surely blessed in the mission service. The pastors all rallied with their churches and the general offering was great. Long live the memory of the mission service of the Northwest camp meeting.

#### BIBLE SCHOOL

It was decided that there would be another term of school as usual, beginning the 15th of November. It is believed that they will have a good school again this winter. It was also decided to have the school in Lemmon, S. Dak. again this winter.

Much more could be said about the camp meeting, the Sunday School program and reports, churches reporting, Y. P. E. service and the talks on the L. W. W. B., etc., but time and space will not permit. God bless your.—Paul H. Walker.

#### Mission Report

Cash receipts, quarter ending June 30:

Alabama	\$1,214.45
Arkansas	78.15
Arizona	5.29
California	89.80
Delaware	4.41
District of Columbia	7.61
Florida	1,354.96
Georgia	218.33
Idaho	2.22
Indiana	132.65
Illinois	522.64
Iowa	162.33
Kansas	12.76
Kentucky	646.66
Louisiana	28.81
Maine	2.55
Maryland	86.33
Michigan	377.82
Mississippi	237.49
Missouri	39.63
Minnesota	.92
Montana	51.85
North Carolina	736.10
North Dakota	35.13
Nebraska	4.80
New Mexico	22.47
Ohio	473.38
Oklahoma	32.44
Oregon	10.09
Pennsylvania	249.92
South Carolina	5,554.96
South Dakota	87.87
Tennessee	494.90
Texas	110.44
Virginia	100.47
West Virginia	347.33
Washington	44.73

# Present Evangel Subscription List of Each State

## As Counted July 22, 1939 — States Classified According to Membership

### FOREIGN SUBSCRIPTIONS NOT COUNTED

We had hoped that all states which are printing state papers would have been up to the required amount, but as yet there has not been a thousand increase. This is due to the failure of those who subscribe renewing their subscriptions. We appreciate the untiring efforts of the state overseers and their coworkers and we urge the people to renew their subscriptions when they expire, which will greatly aid them in their contest. We again express our appreciation for the untiring efforts of all.

	In-crease	De-crease	Subscrip-tions			In-crease	De-crease	Subscrip-tions
CLASS NO. 1				★				
Tennessee	112		1206		New Mexico	10		41
Florida	243		1192		Montana		1	27
South Carolina		41	1053		Indiana	7		26
North Carolina	166		1023		Kansas		4	18
Alabama		62	806		Maine		1	12
Georgia		54	455		Iowa		2	8
West Virginia		44	394		CLASS NO. 4			
Kentucky	38		369		Washington		3	23
Texas		2	257		Arizona	8		21
CLASS NO. 2					Idaho	11		20
Mississippi		11	216		Minnesota			13
Virginia	20		142		New York		1	11
Pennsylvania		9	132		Massachusetts	3		10
Ohio		29	110		Colorado		4	7
Illinois	11		103		Nebraska		2	7
CLASS NO. 3					Washington, D. C.		1	5
Arkansas	2		111		Delaware			4
Louisiana		5	105		Oregon		1	4
Missouri		6	80		Wyoming			4
Oklahoma		4	75		Connecticut	1		2
North Dakota		5	70		New Hampshire		3	1
Michigan	1		61		Wisconsin		3	1
California		4	59		New Jersey		1	1
South Dakota		9	56		Utah			1
Maryland		19	42	★	Nevada			1
					Total subscriptions.....8,385			

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